

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

ELECTRIC DRIVE MOWER WITH INTERCHANGEABLE POWER SOURCES

the specification of which (check one)

☒ [X] is attached hereto.

☐ [] was filed on _____ as Application
Serial No. _____ and was amended on
_____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application or to the patentability of the invention claimed therein in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

			<u>Priority Claim</u>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below:

PRIOR PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

60/126,153
(application serial number)

March 25, 1999
(Month / Day / Year filed)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status - patented, pending, abandoned
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint David P. Utykanski, Reg. No. 39,052, and each principal, attorney of counsel, associate and employee of Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C., who is a registered Patent Attorney, my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. I request the Patent and Trademark Office to direct all correspondence and telephone calls relative to this application to Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C., P. O. Box 828, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303 (248) 641-1600.

Full name of sole or first inventor: Alan R. Fillman

Inventor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Residence: 6301 Berkshire Lane, Racine, Wisconsin 53406

Citizenship: United States of America

Post Office Address: Same as above.

Full name of second joint inventor, if any: Anthony J. Saiia

Second Inventor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Residence: 5551 Whirlaway Lane, Racine, Wisconsin 53402

Citizenship: United States of America

Post Office Address: Same as above.

Full name of third joint inventor, if any: Kirk W. Reimers

Third Inventor's signature: Kirk W. Reimers

Date: 1-12-2000

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Second Inventor's signature: _____

Anthony J. Saiia

Date: 12/20/99

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Citizenship: United States of America

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Full name of third joint inventor, if any: Kirk W. Reimers

Third Inventor's signature: _____

Date: _____

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Alan R. Fillman, residing at 6301 Berkshire Lane, Racine, Wisconsin 53406, Anthony J. Saiia, residing at 5551 Whirlaway Lane, Racine, Wisconsin 53402, and Kirk W. Reimers, residing at 1536 Skyline Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506, (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), have invented a new and useful invention entitled:

ELECTRIC DRIVE MOWER WITH INTERCHANGEABLE POWER SOURCES

and set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed on January 4, 20, 12, 2000 respectively, and

WHEREAS, TEXTRON INC., (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), a corporation of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 40 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, their entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned invention, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behoof and the use and behoof of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor, had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that the Assignor will, whenever counsel of the Assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said invention, or said application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with

The Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue his entire right, title and interest to said Letters Patents of the United States to the Assignee for the sole use and behoof of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

Anthony J. Salla
Anthony J. Salla

State of Wisc.)
) ss.
County of Racine)

Before me personally appeared said ☒ Alan R. Fillman, ☒ Anthony J. Saia,
☐ Kirk W. Reimers, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his own free act and
 deed, this 9th day of February, 2000.

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Letters Patent for said invention in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patents, or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patents, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

The Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue his entire right, title and interest to said Letters Patents of the United States to the Assignee for the sole use and behoof of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

Alan R. Fillman

Anthony J. Saiia

Kirk W. Reimers

Kirk W. Reimers

State of)
) ss.
County of)

Before me personally appeared said ☐ Alan R. Fillman, ☐ Anthony J. Saiia, ☐ Kirk W. Reimers, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his own free act and deed, this 23 day of February, 2000.

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Justin M. Belt
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

